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**IMAGE STABILIZING ZOOM LENS**

The specification of which

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Japan	2002-263796	10 September 2002	
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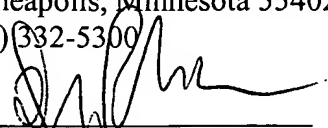
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